FROM ONE

who was moved of the

LORD GOD

to go a ſign among the

PRIESTS & PROFESSORS

of the

Prophets, Apoſtles, and Chriſts

WORDS,

But dead from their life, and naked from Salvation and Immortality, but as black as ſpiritual *Ægyptians* and *Æthiopians*, dead from the Life.

And ſo this is to you ſpiritual *Ægyptians* and black *Æthiopians* which in obedience to the Lord, a ſign I was made unto you all of your wickedneſſe and nakedneſſe in the ſight of the Lord God, who will not be warned neither by word nor by writing, ſignes muſt be given unto you.

William Sympſon.

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Oh Priests,

Howl and weep, for a day of lamentation is coming upon you, a day of woe and misery if you repent not, you are become as trees in the wilderness dry and barren, rotten within, and the people are become like bryars and thorns, which growes under you, which the day of the Lord will burn and consume, which is coming upon you all suddenly as a thief in the night; repent now while you have time least the day of wrath come upon you, for the Lord hath waited long to be gracious, and ye have rejected his Councel, and doth reward him evil for good; if any come amongst you of his Servants, to bear their testimony against you, (ye are all become like bryars, and like thorns, and like withered branches lopped off the trees, dryed, fit to kindle the fire withal) either with their cloaths on, or with their cloaths off, ye are tormented, and your peace is broken; for the Lord is risen in his mighty power, for you have been warned from the Lord by his servants, by words and by writing, and all these hath not wrought upon you; now the Lord God is sending you signs and wonders, so that mens hearts shall fail with fear, with looking after these things that shall come upon the earth; Therefore give over your wickedness, and come down into the dust, and cover your lips, for there is no answer of God amongst you, the Lord is leaving you, because you have rejected his Councel; if you speedily repent not, sudden destruction will come unawares, for as it was in the dayes of *Noah*, so shall it be in the dayes of the Son of man; therefore consider your wayes, that the Lord give you not over, for the Lord proffers freely, and hath proffered, and you have rejected and rebelled against the Lord; so if you repent not, he will bring you to destruction, for the decree is gone forth against all unrighteousnesse, and every tree that brings not forth good fruit must be hewen down and cast into the fire, but ye are almost fallen, your

time is near an end, the Lord will ſurely plead with you, for you are going on till all may ſee your folly, rending & devouring the Servants of the Lord, both in body and in goods; Oh bluſh and be aſhamed, for the Lord God is coming to lay you naked, and give your ſigns of your nakedneſs, both Prieſts and people, your profeſſion is abomination unto the Lord while you are out of the life of righteouſneſs, the Lord hath ſpared you long, but now the Lord will bring your deeds and your nakedneſs to the light, that which hath been done in ſecret ſhall be made made manifeſt openly, for your ill ſavour is come up into the noſtrils of the Lord, and he will reward you according to your works, the day is approaching, wherein you ſhall gnaw your tongues for pain, and cry alas, for the day of miſery is coming upon us, and then it will be too late; Therefore now while you have time give over your wickedneſſe, and give over mentioning the Name of the the Lord all ye who are found in iniquity, for the Lord will ſeparate you, ye muſt all depart if you repent not with ſpeed, and turn unto the Lord while the door of mercy is open; for when it is ſhut, you may call and cry and not be heard, for warnings from the Lord in words hath not wrought upon you, nor in writing, and you cannot yet believe; Oh conſider, groſs darkneſs is coming over you; had not *Egypt* many ſigns and wonders before the ſeed came forth? you who are ſpiritual *Egypt* and *Sodom*, groſs darkneſs is coming over you, ſo the Lord is giving you a ſign, and yet you will not believe, but hardens your hearts, and ſtiffens your necks, like as your Fathers did, ſo do ye; therefore nothing can be expected to come upon you, but wo and miſery if ye ſpeedily do not repent, ye have many of you builded your neaſts high, and thinks ye are ſafe, with a covering of the Saints words, but all will be too narrow, it will not cover you, the Lord is coming to lay open your nakedneſſe, ye Prieſts this is to you, ye ſhall become like trees in the winter, not ſo much as leaves to cover you withal, but your nakedneſs ſhall appear as my nakedneſs hath done, as a figure unto you and many people; Come down out of your

your imaginations to the light of the Son of God in you, that with it all actions may be brought to light, and turned and overturned, for the Lord will overturn the ſureſt foundations that you can lay in your imaginations, and God abhors them; Therefore come down to the light of the Son of God that with it you may ſee the way of the Lord, and no longer that it may be fooliſhneſs unto you, for no man gathers graps of thorns; ye are thorny and briery, and thiſtly-natured, the Lord God is coming to overturn and deſtroy; ſo this is a warning unto you to repent while you have time, and give over your wicked wayes both Prieſts and people, and give over your bad uſage of the Servants of the Lord, when they come amongſt you in obedience to his ſpirit as ſigns unto your wickedneſſe, ſeeing words will not ſerve, nor writing will not ſerve, but ſtill you go on in your wickedneſſe; Oh, fear the Lord God, for it were better that a milſtone were hanged about his neck and caſt into the Sea, then to offend the little ones that believe in Chriſt; So conſider what you do to the light of the Son of God, I ſpeak that with it you may all come to be guided into the fear of the Lord, ſo your wicked wayes and words you may come to be redeemed from, and to finde mercy with God while the door of mercy is open; for you are all become as a Wilderneſs not inhabited, and the Children of the Lord paſſing through, is like to be deſtroyed by devouring creatures, and this is a figure unto you all, for ſo are you become in the ſight of the Lord, envy and murder is in your hearts, as doth appear daily; if any of the Servants of the Lord be moved to bear their Teſtimony againſt your wickedneſſe in your hearts, thirſting after blood; the Lord ſees your wickedneſs, and he will give you blood to drink, for he is turning your water into blood, you ſpiritual Egyptians, who crucifies the Lord afreſh with your wicked wayes and ungodly lives which you go on in, and hate to be reformed, and caſts the Law of God behind your backs, howl and weep, for miſery is coming, and you cannot eſcape unleſs ye ſpeedily repent; Oh how is the Lord grieved with your abominations, the Lord is weary of your Sabbaths, and your ſo-

Assemblies he cannot away with them, wickedness is in your hearts; fear God, and give glory to his Name, for the hour of his judgements is come, wherein he will plead with all unrighteousness, repent repent, a cry is gone forth from the Lord, yea the sound of the trumpet; arise, ye dead, and come to judgement, for the trumpet hath been sounded in your ears from the Lord of life, and you remain stiff-necked and rebellious, and will not take councel at the Lord; so signs in your streets also must you have, that you may be left without excuse in the day when the Lord will come to reckon with you, that you shall not say you have not been warned, so your blood shall be upon your own head if you repent not, and the Children of the Lord clear of your blood, who in obedience to his spirit hath warned you to repent, for the day of the Lord is at hand, wherein he will reward every man according to his deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil, and though you be not gathered, my labour shall be with my God, & you must bear your iniquitie and prophaneness, and give an account unto the Lord for all your wicked wayes, and for all your hard speeches that ever you have spoken against the Lord and against his servants, which in obedience to his spirit he warned you time after time, and yet you continue in your rebellion; so the Lord is wearie of you because of your iniquity, and will surely punish you in his anger if you continue stiff-necked and rebellious against him; for ye are all become like waters, unstabled, unsetled, but you shall not overflow the banks; The Lord hath set bounds to the sea, and he will make it stand as a wall, and be divided that his seed may pass thorow, and this is a mistery to you who are in the *Egyptian* bondage, and is delighting your selves in your flesh-pots and onyons of *Egypt*, in pride and wantonness, and all manner of iniquity and profaneness, you are become like *Sodom*; Therefore haste to meet the Lord, return unto his light wch will shew you your dark wayes, and worships which you are found in, which the Lord is weary of; for you are an unseasoned people, you are not salted at all, the salt hath lost its saltness, and ye are good for nothing, but to be cast out

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and trodden of men in the streets; Therefore turn to the light of Jesus, and with it you will see your selves to be in that state, and nature that is aforementioned, & cannot be hid from the sword, storm, and hail, which your heads lie open too, and cannot be covered in this the day of the Lords battel against you, your oppression, your wickedness, persecution, prisoning till death the saints and servants of the most High God for your bellies, and that you have done against them, you have done against Christ, and have fought against him, the Lord who now is risen against you, and he hath drawn his sword against you, and his arrows his quiver full; The darts of the wicked hath been long shot at the righteous, but now they shall be found all naked men without the weapons and armour of the Lord God as spiritual, as naked as I have gone among you, and that to you is the word of the Lord; The Lord is now come upon you as an armed man who doth work his mighty act by his power which is his right hand, overturning the safety that is not in him, bringing destruction upon them that crys peace, that are fat & full, & sayes all is well, who sayes no evil can come upon us, we have Church and Ministry, we profess the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles words; but saith the Lord, have not you prisoned unto death, them that be in the life of the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles? so do not I see your hypocrisie, can you dissemble with me saith the Lord, who thus hath long dissembled with men, making people believe that which you are not, making people believe that you are my Ministers when you never heard my voice, & I never spake to you, nor sent you? think you not that my fury and indignation is against you? think you that the crown of pride shall rest upon the head of the persecutor, that he shall go on in his ambition, and say who sees me, ha, ha, is not all our own? is not all the Lords? am not I the Ruler of Heaven and Earth? can you hide your selves? do I not see it? have you diged deep to hide your councel, whereby your ends you would bring about upon the just? am not I a God of power? cannot I bring all things to light, and turn your bottom upward, and your inside outward, and strip you, and make you as

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bare and naked as him that is ſent amongſt you, who is your ſign and wondring ſtock, as though you had never read of the Prophets that walked in ſackcloath? yea, and naked as the Prophet *Iſay*, and as I have done, in *Waltom*, *London*, *Colcheſter*, *Cambridge*, and other Towns about, which was as death to me before I gave up to the ſervice of the Lord, which is a figure of all your nakedneſs, though I am cloathed on with immortality.

This is to you which preach to the people for your mouths, and for your bellies, which is a ſhame unto you, for the ſhame of your nakedneſs the Lord is laying open, and you cannot hide your ſelves from his preſence, for the fire of the Lord is kindled againſt you, and the worm is gnawing in the conſcience which ſhall never die, and this will be the portion of all that forget the Lord and rejects his Counſel, and hates to be reformed, and caſts his Law behind their backs, and will not take Councel at it, but kicks againſt it like wilde heifers not accuſtomed to the yoak, becauſe of you the Land mourns, who live in iniquity, lying, ſwearing, & all manner of prophaneneſs is found amongſt you, will not the Lord viſit for theſe things? will not the Lord be avenged on ſuch a Nation as this? conſider it now while you have time, leaſt the time come that you may ſeek to repent, and there be no place found; ſo become *Eſau* like, who ſold his birth-right for the earth, ſo was hated of God, and ſo are all who are in that nature, who profeſs God and Chriſt, but are out of the life; the Lord abhors, and will not hear your cries, though you cry unto him, and uſe his name, but he hath not ſent you, therefore you have not profited this people at all, as it appears by the wicked lives and converſations in all places; ſo the Lord is blaſting your works and bringing them to nought, for his decree is gone forth againſt the unrighteous; conſider this all who forget the Lord, and haſte to return, and ſeek him while he may be found.

THE END.